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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL & FIRST CLASS MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Bruce Duke
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
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RE: John J. Pringle, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed is the original and fifteen (15) copies of the **Petition to Intervene** for filing on behalf of NewSouth Communications, Corp. ("NewSouth") in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Jake E. Jennings [via electronic mail]

all parties of record

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2003-327-C

IN RE:)	
Continued Availability of High	J	
Capacity Loops at Certain Locations and)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Unbundled High Capacity Transport on)	
Certain Routes Pursuant to the Federal)	
Communication Commissions' Triennial)	
Review Order	ý	
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NewSouth Communications, Corp. ("NewSouth" or "Petitioner"), by its undersigned attorney, hereby Petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Rule 103-836 of the Commission's Rules, for an order allowing NewSouth to intervene in the above-captioned Docket, with full rights to participate as a party of record. In support it its Petition, NewSouth would show the Commission the following:

- 1. NewSouth is a limited liability company ("LLC") organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina. NewSouth holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity from this Commission granted in Docket No. 97-467-C by Order No. 98-165.
- 2. On November 7, 2003 the Commission issued an Order setting hearing dates and opening Dockets for the state proceedings required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in its Triennial Review Order of the Section 251 unbundling obligations of Incumbent Local
- 3. As a telecommunications carrier providing services in South Carolina, NewSouth has a vital interest in this Docket.

- 4. NewSouth seeks to assist the Commission in its determination of whether "impairment" exists within the State of South Carolina and within the local exchange markets in South Carolina.
 - 5. The full name and address of the authorized representative of NewSouth is:

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6. NewSouth asserts that the granting of its Petition to Intervene will not in any way delay the proceedings in this Docket.

WHEREFORE, NewSouth prays for the Commission to

- a) Grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a party of record in Docket Number 2003-327-C, allowing Petitioner to participate fully and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- b) Grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **Petition to Intervene** by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

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